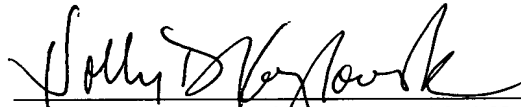


REMARKS

By the present Amendment, the specification is amended to recite the 371 status and the claims are amended in order to omit the multiple dependency of the claims. Additionally, use claims 5-11 and 13 are revised to recite a method of diagnosing systemic lupus erythematosus, in accordance with the teachings in the specification. It is believed that these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter, whereby entry is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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